

## On the Verge of War of Days and Dates

By Frances Carroll

Do you know we are all the verge of a war of days and dates also of measures and measurements?

It came about this way. Miss Dorothy Lewis, one of the juvenile readers of "The Times" Woman's Page, hearkening to my advice had been told by her grandmother's scrap book, and consulting her own memory of childhood tales, brought to light a recipe with its accompanying story.

You may all remember the tale which concerned a chance visit of General Washington to a Virginia homestead, and his delight in a certain cornbread, which formed the staple dish of the simple breakfast put before him. Some error in transcription made what should have been a properly mixed teaspoonful of cream of tartar and soda read one teaspoonful each of soda and cream of tartar. Well, almost anybody beyond the multiple stage of culinary knowledge knows that such a quantity and such a proportion would be extraordinary to say the least, but following a rule I shall always observe, I printed the recipe and the story just as it came to me. I feel that any attempt on my part to edit a MSS. would be unfair and possibly, too, in this contest just to be impertinent. Fancy any outsider having the temerity to add or deduct anything from one's precious recipe which may have been a sure-nough heirloom, a sort of badge of distinction in the culinary annals of one's household!

## Latest Contribution To Interesting Data.

Miss Lewis, herself, was about the first to detect this error, and she promptly acquainted me of it. In the meantime, somebody had telephoned her, questioning her days and dates, as well as her measurements, and since I printed Miss Lewis' correction I am going to print the latest contribution to the topic since it contains some interesting data.

## My Dear Miss Carroll:

Am sending you a box of cherries that escaped the famous hatchet, and a few "Brownies" made exactly like Mrs. Pett's recipe. Miss Dorothy Lewis is a little wrong in the date, as Washington was decidedly not the Capital in 1791. Many times General Washington rose into Georgetown, and the house is still standing on M street, where he spent the evening. It is just as it was when he was there. One thing I feel constrained to tell the Puzzle Page solvers, and that is that cream of tartar and soda must always be used in the proportion of 2 to 1—two teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar to one of soda. What I know about soda has been learned from sad experience. Just a tiny bit of soda—as much as one can hold on the end of a spoon—is sufficient to sweeten a half pint of sour cream, or milk. Washington was a beautiful city on paper only in 1791. Miss Lewis has started a great many people studying the history of the District of Columbia. Philadelphia was our Capital until 1800. Did not mean to write that myself, and it was written before I thought.

CYNTHIA ARMSTRONG.

All of which in addition to being diverting and informing brings me around

to the first statement I made in connection with the contest:

Look well to your dates, consider your recipes and take heed not only of the physical appearance of your contributions but their content.

Heartily, I am indebted to "Cynthia Armstrong" for a taste of the delicious Brownies and a basket of juicy fruit, and wish to say the proper thank yous as I go along.

## Tells True Story Of Trip To Maryland.

As a further contribution to the contest I have quite a number of good recipes and interesting stories. For instance, this:

"I had always lived in New England, and up to the time of my marriage had traveled but little, an occasional shopping tour to Boston and a single visit to New York comprising the sum total of my journeys.

"I was enraptured with all I saw from the time we entered the spacious grounds. We were warmly welcomed by our host and his charming wife, who received us on the broad veranda of the stately and beautiful house. As we sat at the dining room table, the evening meal we had the opportunity of freshening up a trifle and looking around a bit before supper was announced.

## Enchanted by Beauty of Home.

It was a home of most refined luxury, supplied with every comfort and adornment which could command. I was in an ecstasy of admiration over the rare old chandeliers, but enchanted beyond words over the dining room with its delicate equipment of Chippendale. The walls were lined with family portraits dating from colonial times. The lighted wax candles in the heavy branching candelabras shone upon created silver, rare old china, and satiny damask, and made a picture I have never delighted in recalling, but the crowning glory was old Scipio, the butler with his black face and snowy hair, immaculate linen and a dignity and courtly manner worthy of Chesterfield himself.

"I could not reconcile myself to such conditions here, where the smiling faces of the well-cared for servants, belied

such a state of affairs. Our host had always been noted for his kindly nature and his wife's sweetness and gentleness precluded the thought of such treatment to those belonging to them. So all doubts removed and fully reassured, I slipped between the sheets, sweet with the fragrance of lavender, and was soon in the Land of Nod.

"The next morning, when in that delicious state between waking and sleeping, and lazily debating whether to rise and dress or slip again into slumber, I became conscious of some disturbance going on in the grounds below my chamber. As I became fully awake the sound of heavy blows upon an unresisting body was borne upward with startling distinctness in the stillness of the early morning.

"The shocking truth burst suddenly over me. Alas, the stories of cruel floggings were too true, and at this very moment some poor wretch was undergoing punishment. Already he had been beaten into insensibility and could make no outcry. Outraged and sick with disgust, yet bursting with righteous indignation, I flew to the window, determined, even at this late hour, to make the fiend desist from further torture of the poor slave.

## Aunt Leah Discloses Secret.

"As I threw up the sash and thrust out my furious head, how different was the scene upon which I looked from that which I had pictured. No wicked overseer was there flaying with biting lash the bleeding and unconscious victim, who lay quivering at his feet. Instead, there was Aunt Leah, the cook, her head turbaned in bright bandanna, her bare arms swinging with muscular energy a short-handled ax, and beating with steady rhythm a mass of snowy dough, spread on the polished stump of a tree that had been sawed off evenly, and which I later learned was specially selected for her purpose and was known as the biscuit block.

"The shock of reaction almost threw me into hysterics, but by breakfast time I had quite recovered and did ample justice to what I made acquaintance with for the first time, the famous and delicious Maryland beaten biscuit, the recipe for which here follows:

Three pounds of flour.  
Half a pound of lard.  
One heaping teaspoon of salt.  
Mix with enough water to make a stiff dough. Beat with an ax on biscuit block for half an hour until dough blisters and snaps when pulled off in pieces an inch square and has a hole in the center. Roll with the hands, flatten, stick with biscuit fork and bake about twenty minutes.

"SARAH M. STEVENS.  
"1836 Jefferson place, Washington, D. C."

Everybody has at last "wakened up" as to the requirements of the historic recipe contest and for the past few days the postman has been crowded with historic recipes and on the occasion of his frequent visits.

With such a good harvest to consider I expect to find some very well conducted while recipes and stories and you may all look for the awards in the first contest in a series we will conduct with historic recipes and their stories as a general subject.

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## DAILY FASHION TALK

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THE ease with which one may continue a becoming and serviceable wardrobe at the present time is one of the compensations one has to consider when pondering over the high prices of commodities in general. The woman who has a knack of cutting and fitting, some workable ideas as to what is becoming and appropriate, and a shrewd sense of the possibilities of simple materials may make a very good appearance at very little outlay if she does her own sewing. Summer frocks intended for general service are very simple in line; of course, one may have them as elaborate as lace and hand embroidery admits if one cares to go in for such an outlay, although even when the gown is rich in such embellishments to be quite correct the general effect should express simplicity.

The model pictured worked out in cross-barred dimity in any of the daintily flowered muslins or in lawn or batiste would prove very attractive, though the introduction of the insertion is not necessary to the evolution of a very attractive frock. For instance if a figured fabric is used a specially charming effect may be accomplished by the use of plain material matching the flower or design in the cloth in tone. A complex would be the employment of some of the delicately tinted cotton or mercerized galloons or bandings which are offered in the shops at a small outlay of money.

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## Daily Horoscope

"The stars incline, but do not compel."  
Sunday, June 19, 1910.

He beat his goal will reach  
Who curbs both speed and speech.

THE Moon enters a sign that is held astrologically to provoke over-activity, heedless impulsiveness, and actions that suffer from lack of continuity. Under this influence, things are easily done wrong.

The best rule for the day is to exercise both forethought and patience. Impetuous haste is likely to end in failure or much trouble.

"More haste, less speed," holds essentially true of such periods, according to the rules of the stars.

The day is marked as fortunate for pleasure, especially for journeys in the country, visits among relatives and friends, and household entertainments. In preparing for any of these, calmness and coolness will accomplish all that is desired, whereas feverish hurry will probably cause simple vexation.

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## Bad Husbands, Sad Wives

No. 2—The Undomestic Wife

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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THE second husband was none too good, perhaps, in the beginning. But he had grown thoroughly tired of the life he lived at clubs and hotels, and from the very depths of his heart he longed for HOME.

He had experienced every type of flirtation which women make possible for an attractive man from his freshman college days to old age. He had come to a state of mind where he questioned if there were any really sensible girls and trustworthy wives, when he met his fate, and ceased to question, and simply believed.

He believed he had met the perfect woman. He told her how he longed for a home, and he asked her to be his wife. When she accepted him he was so happy that he simply cast all his old ideas of women to the winds, and with these ideas he cast all the wisdom which he had accumulated through his bachelorhood.

Offtimes in the past he had said that women needed to be governed; needed a master; that they became petty tyrants if given too much respectful consideration, or when their wishes were consulted on matters of any import to the husband.

Yet in face of all the bad things this man had said about the sex he began his married life by asking the girl he married to choose the way she preferred to live, instead of telling her how he wished to live.

Of course he had told her, from the beginning of his love making, that he was tired of having no home; that a club or a hotel, with all the comforts money could purchase, meant only four walls, and that a home with a wife and love and peace and order and system represented his idea of heaven.

## Wife Chose Life in Hotel.

Nevertheless, when he said the wife could choose her way of living, she promptly chose a suite in an expensive hotel, and, after a year, she expressed a desire to go to Europe and stay through the London and Paris seasons.

It was with reluctance that she came home finally, for she was a beautiful girl, and she had been much admired abroad.

After their return the husband as

serted his wish again for a home, and, again reluctantly, the wife consented. She spoiled it all, however, by continually talking of the distaste she had for domestic obligations.

"I hate the sight of a kitchen," she said, "and I detest thinking about what I must order for meals three times a day. And servants are such hopeless problems; and one is so tied down by housekeeping."

Of course, with such an attitude of mind, housekeeping became a burden; servants proved inefficient; and the good wife of this bad man found nothing to talk about when her husband came home in the evening but the trouble she had in the domestic realm.

A new retinue of servants appeared regularly each week, and, finally, after a year, the home was given up and the hotel became the retreat of the unfortunate man and wife. She convinced him that she was breaking down under the strain of housekeeping.

A second attempt was made the next year, with the same result, and, after the breaking up of that home the wife wanted to go and travel in Europe with another unsatisfied wife whose husband was too busy to accompany her.

When she returned she found the bad man very dissatisfied and inclined to find fault.

## Plain Talk By the "Bad Husband."

He said he wanted a home; he wanted a domestic wife, and he wanted children.

Then the woman who bore his name fell to weeping, and she sobbed out that she was sorry she came home, if he only wanted to scold her and find fault with her; and she declared she was not physically strong enough to become the mother of children. She gravely hinted that she was the victim of some serious malady which would cause her death if she attempted to be a mother—her physician had told her so.

The bad man gave vent to an audible sneer at this juncture. He said he knew was a coward, that he had made her selfish and unwomanly wives such stories, just to please them and to keep them as his patients. But he declared he understood God's laws and the nature of normal human beings well enough to know that not for women in 50 who was able to journey about the world by land and sea and to go sightseeing and to attend to their own amusements in any way endanger her life by becoming a mother if she took any care of herself and desired the same.

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